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As a co-site Director for the KCMC-Duke Collaboration in clinical research and Duke faculty, she has built a mentorship career by participating in several training and mentorship grant under NIH hence has gained a vast experience in training and mentorship grants. Current she is a co-director (MPI) for the ongoing D43 training grant D43TW009595 on social behavioral science, a PD/PI for the recently awarded D43 training grant 1D43TW012205 on Trauma and Injury. She had successful mentored two career development award (1K01TW009985-01 and K01 TW 010000) on Mental health and Alcohol and Injury completed and mentees received R01 awards. Two recently awarded career development award as a mentor (1K23-HL155500-01) on Myocardial infection (1K08 MH124459-01A1) on improving HIV care engagement. Mentored several Fogarty students under VECD program and currently 3 ongoing Fogarty trainees from KCMC. She had been a mentor in MEPI and MEPI JF (junior faculty) and she is a mentor for the Community of Young Research Peers (CYRPs) at KCMUCo, MUHAS and CUHAs since 2018. She has successful supervised several PhDs candidate and having several ongoing PhD students within and outside Tanzania in addition to the ongoing mentees. Enjoying mentorship and spend most of the time with mentees.